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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

SILVERBROOK, KIA

Examiner

Laura E. Martin

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook et al. (US 6755513) in view of Moore (US 5870117).

Silverbrook et al. teaches a printer cartridge for an inkjet printer including: a printing fluid storage (figure 3, element 8); a pagewidth printhead (figure 3, element 4) in fluid communication with the printing fluid storage (figure 4, elements 20a,b,c,d); and a shield (figure 1, element 5) extending the length of the printhead arranged alongside a printing surface (figure 1, element 4) so as to contact (column 5, lines 26-44), and thereby protect the printhead from contact with paper (figure 1, element 2) before the paper leaves the shield so as to pass the printing surface (if the paper is in contact with the shield, then it is before the paper leaves the shield), and further including an elongate body (figure 3, element 25) housing the printing fluid storage.

Silverbrook et al does not teach a cradle of an inkjet printer into which the printhead is placed.

Moore teaches a cradle of an inkjet printer into which the printhead is placed (figure 1, element 14).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the printhead of Silverbrook et al. with the disclosure of Moore in order to create a stable and secure means of stationing the printhead during a print job and allowing for easy replacement of printheads.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook et al. (US 6775513) and Moore, and further in view of Silverbrook (6893109).

Silverbrook et al. as modified does not disclose the shield further arranged to act as a cover plate to seal an air duct of the printer cartridge.

Silverbrook discloses the shield acting as a cover plate to seal (figure 7, element 36) an air duct (figure 7, element 41) of the printer cartridge.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Silverbrook et al. with that of Silverbrook in order to protect the printhead from damage.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook et al. (US 6775513) in view of Moore and Silverbrook (6893109).

Silverbrook et al. discloses a printer cartridge including an elongate body (figure 2) at least one printing fluid storage reservoir (figure 3, element 8) housed within the elongate body; a pagewidth printhead attached to the elongate body (figure 3, element 4) in fluid communication with the at least one printing fluid storage reservoir (figure 4, elements 20 a,b,c,d), and a shield (figure 1, element 5) extending the length of the

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printhead arranged alongside a printing surface (figure 1, element 4) so as to contact (column 5, lines 26-44), and thereby protect the printhead from contact with paper (figure 1, element 2) before the paper leaves the shield so as to pass the printing surface (if the paper is in contact with the shield, then it is before the paper leaves the shield).

Silverbrook et al. does not disclose a printer cradle for insertion of the cartridge or the shield arranged to seal the air duct.

Moore teaches a cradle of an inkjet printer into which the printhead is placed (figure 1, element 14).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the printhead of Silverbrook et al. with the disclosure of Moore in order to create a stable and secure means of stationing the printhead during a print job and allowing for easy replacement of printheads.

Silverbrook teaches the shield acting as a cover plate to seal (figure 7, element 36) an air duct (figure 7, element 41) of the printer cartridge.


It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Silverbrook et al. with that of Silverbrook in order to protect the printhead from damage.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura E. Martin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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